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Southfield lawyer gets UN post

He'll be delegate to General Assembly

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WASHINGTON-A Southfield lawyer specializing in complex litigation who has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for President George W. Bush and other Republicans was nominated Wednesday as a U.S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly.

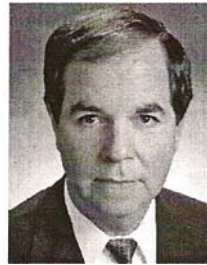
Rodger D. Young said he was contacted last week and told of the posting. He will be one of five delegates to serve in the General Assembly beginning next week and lasting into December.

Officially, Young is an alternate representative, along with Kelly Knight, a Republican fund-raiser from Kentucky, but the White House said Wednesday evening that there is no difference in the duties for the alternates and the other three representatives.

The others are former New York Gov. George Pataki and two members of Congress, Texas Republican Ted Poe and Massachusetts Democrat Bill Delahunt.

Young will work at the direction of the U.S. State Department and Zalmay Khalilzad, the country's ambassador to the United Nations. Each of the 192 member nations has one vote in the assembly.

In the months to come, the assembly is expected to take on global warming, economic development and disarmament – as



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well as discuss policies in the Middle East and elsewhere.

"I think it's an extremely interesting time to be doing it because the General Assembly will be dealing with those issues," Young said.

Young lives in Bloomfield Hills. A native of Montana, he is a managing partner of the Southfield firm he helped create, Young & Susser, a boutique civil litigation practice.

Young has been a major fund-raiser for Republican causes. In the 2000 and 2004 campaigns, he was a Bush pioneer, meaning he helped raise at least \$100,000.

He has contributed more than \$200,000—most of it to Republican candidates—in the last decade, according to Federal Election Commission reports.

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